UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS,

Plaintiff,

-VS-

Case No.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; and TRANS UNION LLC,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by and through her undersigned counsel, for her cause of action against Defendants, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC (hereinafter "Equifax"); EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC. (hereinafter "Experian"); and TRANS UNION LLC (hereinafter "Trans Union") (hereinafter collectively "Defendants"), and in support thereof respectfully alleges violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This is an action for actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, costs, and attorney's fees brought pursuant to the FCRA.

- 2. Today in America there are three major consumer reporting agencies, Equifax Information Services LLC (hereinafter "Equifax"), Trans Union LLC (hereinafter "Trans Union"), and Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (hereinafter "Experian").
- 3. Consumer reporting agencies that create consumer reports, like Defendants, are charged with using reasonable procedures designed to ensure the maximum possible accuracy of the information they report. It is not enough for them to simply parrot information they receive from entities, particularly where a consumer makes a dispute about information reported.
- 4. When a consumer like Plaintiff disputes information through the agencies, those disputes are transmitted to the party furnishing the information. The FCRA demands that each party separately conduct a reasonable investigation of the consumer's dispute and correct or delete information they learn to be inaccurate or cannot otherwise verify.
- 5. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has noted, "experience indicates that [Credit Reporting Agencies] lack incentives and under-invest in accuracy". Consumer Fin. Prot. Bureau, Supervisory Highlights Consumer Reporting Special Edition 21 (Issue 14, March 2, 2017).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. Jurisdiction for this Court is conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as this action involves violations of the FCRA.
- 7. Venue is proper for this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), as this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.
- 8. Venue is proper in this District as Equifax's principal address is in this District; Defendants transact business within this District; and violations described in this Complaint occurred in this District.
- 9. Plaintiff is a natural person and resident of Lake County in the State of Indiana. She is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).
- 10. Equifax is a corporation headquartered at 1550 Peachtree Street, Northwest in Atlanta, Georgia 30309.
- 11. Equifax is a "consumer reporting agency," as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(f). Equifax is regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(d) to third parties.
- 12. Equifax disburses such consumer reports to third parties under contract for monetary compensation.

- 13. Experian is a corporation with its principal place of business in the State of California and is authorized to do business in the State of Georgia through its registered agent, C T Corporation System, located at 289 S. Culver Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046.
- 14. Experian is a "consumer reporting agency," as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(f). Experian is regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(d) to third parties.
- 15. Experian disburses such consumer reports to third parties under contract for monetary compensation.
- 16. Trans Union is a corporation with its principal place of business in the State of Illinois and is authorized to do business in the State of Georgia through its registered agent, Corporation Service Company, located at 2 Sun Court, Suite 400, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092.
- 17. Trans Union is a "consumer reporting agency," as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(f). Trans Union is regularly engaged in the business of assembling, evaluating and disbursing information concerning consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports, as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681(d) to third parties.
- 18. Trans Union disburses such consumer reports to third parties under contract for monetary compensation.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 19. Plaintiff is a natural person who is alleged to owe a debt to multiple accounts which do not belong to her.
 - 20. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is a victim of identity theft.
- 21. Defendants are reporting numerous erroneous Department of Education/Nelnet student loan accounts in Plaintiff's credit file which do not belong to her.
- 22. In or about February 2024, Plaintiff contacted Department of Education/Nelnet for more information regarding the student loan accounts and was advised that there were loans taken out in 2009 for Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois and additional loans taken out in 2016 for Art Institutes International Minnesota in Minnesota.
- 23. Plaintiff has never lived in Minnesota and did not attend school in Minnesota.
- 24. Plaintiff attended South Suburban College in South Holland, Illinois from 2016 to 2018. Plaintiff never attended school in Champaign, Illinois and/or at Parkland College.
- 25. On or about July 24, 2024, Plaintiff filed a police report with the Griffith Police Department, report number 24GR05336, regarding the fraud and identity theft.

- 26. On or about July 24, 2024, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendants with a copy of the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department and which stated the following accounts did not belong to her.
 - Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on September 24, 2009;
 - ii. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on December 3, 2009;
 - iii. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on January 26, 2016;
 - iv. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on January 26, 2016;
 - v. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on October 26, 2016; and
 - vi. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on October 26, 2016.
- 27. Upon review of her updated Equifax credit report, Plaintiff observed all the erroneous aforementioned accounts continued to be reported with a comment which stated, "Consumer disputes after resolution".
- 28. Equifax failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).

- 29. Equifax never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 30. Upon review of her updated Experian credit report, Plaintiff observed all the erroneous aforementioned accounts continued to be reported with a comment which stated, "This item has remained unchanged from our processing of your dispute in Aug 2024".
- 31. Experian failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).
- 32. Experian never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 33. Upon review of her updated Trans Union credit report, Plaintiff observed all the erroneous aforementioned accounts continued to be reported with a remark which stated, "Dispute resolved/consumer disagrees".
- 34. Trans Union failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).
- 35. Trans Union never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 36. On or about November 26, 2024, Plaintiff obtained copies of her credit reports from Equifax and Trans Union. Plaintiff attempted to obtain a copy of her Experian credit report but received an error message that it was unavailable. Upon

review, Plaintiff observed an inaccurate address. Further, Plaintiff observed the following erroneous accounts which did not belong to her.

- i. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on September 24, 2009, with a balance of \$4,330;
- ii. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on December 3, 2009, with a balance of \$3,112;
- iii. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on January 26, 2016, with a balance of \$7,337;
- iv. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on January 26, 2016, with a balance of \$3,962;
- v. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on October 26, 2016, with a balance of \$4,669; and
- vi. Dept of Ed/Nelnet, partial account number 90000062950*, opened on October 26, 2016, with a balance of \$2,604.
- 37. The aforementioned accounts did not belong to Plaintiff, and any payments made to the accounts were not made by Plaintiff.
- 38. Due to the continued inaccurate reporting, on or about January 14, 2025, Plaintiff mailed a dispute letter to Defendants. In the letter, Plaintiff advised she was a victim of identity theft and that the aforementioned accounts did not belong to her. To confirm her identity, Plaintiff included images of her driver's

license with the letter. Further, Plaintiff provided images of the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department and images of the identity theft certification Plaintiff filed with Dept of Ed/Nelnet regarding the erroneous accounts.

- 39. Plaintiff mailed her detailed dispute letter via USPS Certified Mail to Equifax (9589 0710 5270 2442 6421 66), Experian (9589 0710 5270 2442 6421 73), and Trans Union (9589 0710 5270 2442 6421 59).
- 40. On or about February 2, 2025, Plaintiff received a response from Equifax regarding "Remedying the Effects of Identity Theft".
- 41. Despite confirmation of delivery on January 25, 2025, Plaintiff did not receive dispute results in the mail from Equifax. However, upon review of her updated credit report on February 26, 2025, Plaintiff observed all the aforementioned erroneous Dept of Ed/Nelnet accounts continued to be reported.
- 42. Equifax failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).
- 43. Equifax never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 44. On or about February 26, 2024, Plaintiff received dispute results from Experian which stated two (2) addresses were deleted from Plaintiff's Experian credit report. Plaintiff did not receive any dispute results as to the erroneous Dept of Ed/Nelnet accounts. However, Experian also provided a copy of Plaintiff's Experian

credit report, and upon review, all the erroneous Dept of Ed/Nelnet accounts continued to be reported.

- 45. Experian failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).
- 46. Experian never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 47. Despite confirmation of delivery on January 28, 2025, Plaintiff did not receive dispute results in the mail from Trans Union. However, upon review of her updated Trans Union credit report on or about February 26, 2025, Plaintiff observed all the erroneous Dept of Ed/Nelnet accounts continued to be reported.
- 48. Trans Union failed to do any independent investigation into Plaintiff's disputes, but rather parroted information it received from the furnisher(s).
- 49. Trans Union never attempted to contact Plaintiff during the alleged investigation.
- 50. Despite Plaintiff's best efforts to have the erroneous reporting corrected, Defendants continue to inaccurately report erroneous Dept of Ed/Nelnet accounts in Plaintiff's credit file. Accordingly, Plaintiff's damages are ongoing as of the filing of this Complaint.

- 51. Defendants have not conducted an actual investigation despite Plaintiff's pleas, and upon information and belief, simply continues to parrot off the back of the furnisher(s).
- 52. Plaintiff continues to suffer as of the filing of this Complaint with Defendants' reluctance to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 53. As a result of the inaccurate credit reporting, Plaintiff has suffered damages, including, but not limited to:
 - Monies lost by attempting to fix her credit. Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in postage paid, wasted ink and paper, and wasted time;
 - ii. Loss of time attempting to cure the errors;
 - iii. Mental anguish, added stress, aggravation, embarrassment, sleepless nights, and other related impairments to the enjoyment of life; Plaintiff is being physically affected by Defendants' actions; and
 - iv. Apprehensiveness to apply for new credit due to the fear of rejection.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to

Defendant, Equifax Information Services LLC (Negligent)

- 54. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 55. Equifax violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.
- 56. Equifax allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.
- 57. Upon information and belief, Equifax does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 58. Equifax selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 59. Equifax chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.

- 60. Equifax violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.
- 61. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Equifax, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 62. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Equifax was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.
- 63. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Equifax in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT II

Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to Defendant, Equifax Information Services LLC (Willful)

- 64. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 65. Equifax violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.
- 66. Equifax allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.
- 67. Upon information and belief, Equifax does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 68. Equifax selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 69. Equifax chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.
- 70. Equifax violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.

- 71. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Equifax, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 72. The conduct, action and/or inaction of Equifax was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages, and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n.
- 73. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Equifax in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT III Violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Equifax Information Services LLC (Negligent)

74. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.

- 75. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Equifax violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.
- 76. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Equifax failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher(s).
- 77. Plaintiff provided Equifax with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Equifax ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 78. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Equifax, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain

stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

- 79. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Equifax was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.
- 80. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Equifax in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT IV Violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Equifax Information Services LLC (Willful)

- 81. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 82. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Equifax violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable

reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.

- 83. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Equifax failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher(s).
- 84. Plaintiff provided Equifax with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Equifax ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 85. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Equifax, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

- 86. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Equifax was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.
- 87. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Equifax in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT V Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Negligent)

- 88. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 89. Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.

- 90. Experian allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.
- 91. Upon information and belief, Experian does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 92. Experian selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 93. Experian chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.
- 94. Experian violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.
- 95. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 96. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

97. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT VI

Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Willful)

- 98. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 99. Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.
- 100. Experian allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.

- 101. Upon information and belief, Experian does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 102. Experian selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 103. Experian chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.
- 104. Experian violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.
- 105. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 106. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.
- 107. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT VII Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Negligent)

- 108. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 109. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.
- 110. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Experian failed to conduct

independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.

- 111. Plaintiff provided Experian with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Experian ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 112. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 113. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.
- 114. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from

further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT VIII Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (Willful)

- 115. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 116. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Experian violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.
- 117. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Experian failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.
- 118. Plaintiff provided Experian with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Experian ignored this

information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.

119. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Experian, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and

120. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Experian was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

121. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Experian in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT IX
Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to
Defendant, Trans Union LLC (Negligent)

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- 122. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 123. Trans Union violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.
- 124. Trans Union allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.
- 125. Upon information and belief, Trans Union does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 126. Trans Union selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 127. Trans Union chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.
- 128. Trans Union violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.
- 129. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Trans Union, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from

lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

- 130. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Trans Union was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.
- 131. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Trans
 Union in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, TRANS UNION LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT X Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) as to Defendant, Trans Union LLC (Willful)

- 132. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 133. Trans Union violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b) by failing to establish or to follow reasonable procedures to assure maximum possible accuracy in the

preparation of the credit report and credit files it published and maintains concerning Plaintiff.

- 134. Trans Union allowed for furnisher(s) to report inaccurate and erroneous accounts to Plaintiff's credit file.
- 135. Upon information and belief, Trans Union does not allow its representatives to call consumers, like Plaintiff, during the dispute process or call witnesses with knowledge about the dispute.
- 136. Trans Union selects to just parrot the information provided by the Furnisher and to avoid conducting re-investigations.
- 137. Trans Union chooses the illegitimate parroting of information despite consumers (like Plaintiff) providing ample evidence.
- 138. Trans Union violated its own policies and procedures by not deleting an account when Plaintiff provided them with the police report filed with the Griffith Police Department, which contained sworn testimony of the fraud.
- 139. As a result of this conduct, action, and inaction of Trans Union, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.

- 140. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Trans Union was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.
- 141. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Trans Union in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages against Defendant, TRANS UNION LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT XI Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Trans Union LLC (Negligent)

- 142. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 143. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Trans Union violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit

file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.

- 144. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Trans Union failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.
- 145. Plaintiff provided Trans Union with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Trans Union ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 146. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Trans Union, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 147. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Trans Union was negligent, rendering it liable for actual damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

148. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Trans
Union in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681o.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual damages against Defendant, TRANS UNION LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

COUNT XII Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681i as to Defendant, Trans Union LLC (Willful)

- 149. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through fifty-three (53) above as if fully stated herein.
- 150. After receiving Plaintiff's disputes, Trans Union violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681i by: (i) failing to delete inaccurate information in Plaintiff's credit file after receiving notice of such inaccuracies; (ii) failing to conduct a lawful and reasonable reinvestigation into Plaintiff's disputes; (iii) failing to maintain reasonable procedures with which to filter and verify disputed information in Plaintiff's credit file; (iv) failing to review and consider all relevant information submitted by Plaintiff in the disputes; and (v) relying upon verification from a source it has to know is unreliable.

- 151. Despite the large amount of information and documentation produced by Plaintiff demonstrating the inaccurate reporting, Trans Union failed to conduct independent investigations into Plaintiff's disputes and simply transferred the duty to investigate to the furnisher.
- 152. Plaintiff provided Trans Union with the information it needed to confirm that she was a victim of a mixed file or identity theft. Trans Union ignored this information and failed to conduct a thorough investigation into her disputes or otherwise make her credit file accurate.
- 153. As a direct result of this conduct, action and/or inaction of Trans Union, Plaintiff suffered damage, including without limitation, loss of the ability to benefit from lower interest rates; loss of time; financial loss; and mental and emotional pain stemming from the anguish, humiliation, and apprehension in applying for credit and the damages otherwise outlined in this Complaint.
- 154. The conduct, action, and/or inaction of Trans Union was willful, rendering it liable for actual or statutory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.
- 155. Plaintiff is entitled to recover costs and attorney's fees from Trans
 Union in an amount to be determined by the Court pursuant to § 1681n.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award actual or statutory damages and punitive damages

against Defendant, TRANS UNION LLC; award Plaintiff her attorney's fees and costs; award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the legal rate; enjoinder from further violations of these parts; and such other such relief the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues triable by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TALEAH MONIQUE COLLINS, respectfully requests that this Court award judgment for actual, statutory, compensatory, and punitive damages against Defendants, EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES LLC; EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.; and TRANS UNION LLC, jointly and severally; attorneys' fees and costs; prejudgment and post-judgment interest at the judgment rate; and such other relief the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 28th day of February 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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